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Each division of the book is preceded by a valuable note giving the statutory requirements of Ohio, and, under titles where the forms of the other States are given, notes as to their statutory requirements are also to be found.

The book is very comprehensive and compiled in exceptionally available form. It should prove useful to Ohio practitioners.

Mr. Couse was graduated from the Yale Law School in 1895.

R. C. H.

Frederick William Maitland. By A. L. Smith, Balliol College, Oxford. Clarendon Press. Oxford. 1908. pp. 71.

This book consists of two very interesting and instructive lectures on Frederick William Maitland, together with a bibliography. The first lecture treats of Maitland as a historian, comparing him to Macaulay in his felicity of illustration and concreteness of style, that "while Macaulay's weapon is too often the knob of the bludgeon, Maitland's is the rapier's point." Two marked characteristics of his style as a historian are his analytic and constructive treatment. By these two methods he has proved that History does advance. The author believes above all that the real way Maitland proves this is his conception of the spiritual side of it. A true historian cannot be anti-religious, and he refers to Lord Acton's definition of a historian. The other side of Maitland's conception of history is its humanity.

He concludes the lecture with the query: "Might not Maitland have become a great narrative historian?"

The second lecture treats of Maitland as the "converted lawyer, or rather, the alchemist who could transmute law into the most unexpected and precious products." Maitland's vision did at last attain to something of prophetic strain, a legal historian. The author quotes copiously from Maitland's speeches and works to emphasize his deductions. He pays a glowing tribute to the great lawyer and ends the lecture with a eulogy on him by Liebermann. Out of his very sufferings he won a deeper sympathy for men, and a broader view of things.

The author in making an appeal to establish in Oxford a Maitland Memorial Library for students, has generously contributed a bibliography at the end of the book. This bibliography is very complete, beginning with the year 1880 and ending with the year

1907, containing also a list of reviews of Professor Maitland's works and miscellaneous works referring to Maitland.

A. A. P.

Great American Lawyers. A History of the Legal Profession in America. Edited by William Draper Lewis. Philadelphia. The John C. Winston Company. 3 vols.

This work, which when completed will consist of eight volumes, is designed to present a history of the profession in the United States as embodied in the essence of numerous biographies. Ninety-six names have been selected for treatment and five is the largest number of contributions by any one author. Many, doubtless, will quarrel with the inclusions and omissions but the work can not fail to prove entertaining to all who are either desirous of learning what different types of men have achieved success in American court-rooms from the days of Patrick Henry to the time of James C. Carter, or interested in tracing the changes which came about in the methods of legal instruction between the time when John Marshall listened to the lectures of Chancellor Wythe and the death of Professor Thayer.

The contributions themselves are written in different styles and are of varying merits. One is Mr. Joseph Choate's oration on Rufus Choate. Some are in the nature of impressionistic sketches based on standard biographies; others, as for example Chief Justice Baldwin's biography of Roger Sherman Baldwin, are careful and authoritative accounts drawn from original sources. The value of the work consists not so much in the essays on the leaders of the bar as in the fact that it presents in convenient and accessible form, what are not otherwise easily obtainable, biographies of those lawyers whose names, perhaps, are little known but whose work is sound and lasting. Taken as a whole these volumes are worthy of a place in the library of any lawyer or layman who cares for the traditions which cluster about, or the names which have adorned, the American bar.

W. P. A.

Handbook of the Law of Private Corporations. By Wm. L. Clark, Jr. Second Edition, Edited by Francis B. Tiffany. St. Paul, Minn. West Publishing Co. 1907. pp. xv. 721.

Mr. Clark, author also of the Hornbooks on "Criminal Law," "Criminal Procedure" and "Contracts," prepared the first edition